

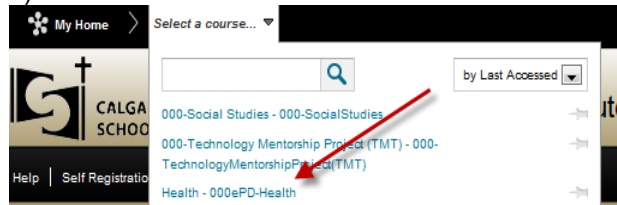


Brightspace is a web-based Learning Management System selected to provide students, teachers and parent's access to course content, digital resources, calendar events, grades and other online communication tools. Our school district has chosen it to become our main platform for online communication between school and home at the 7-12 level.

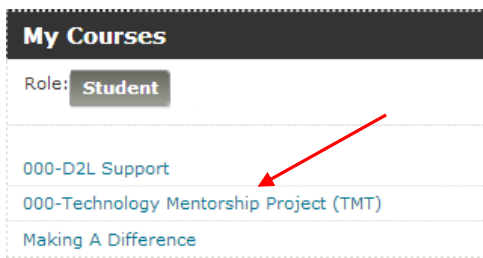
Accessing Brightspace

Brightspace can be accessed at either of the following <http://dl.cssd.ab.ca> or www.cssd.ab.ca (click on Students > Brightspace (D2L) Login > Brightspace Login). Each student has a unique Username(FirstNameLastInitialRandomlyAssigned # - JamesS72) and Password (student ID/student chosen 8 characters) which is meant to be shared with parents or guardians only. Difficulties with login should be referred to school administration.

The Brightspace School *Home Page* will contain *News*, *Calendar*, and currently enrolled *My Courses* widgets. Individual courses may be accessed by clicking the *Select Course* dropdown menu (figure 1) or the *My Courses* widget (figure 2).



OR



News

The *News* section contains general updates, special notices, and course specific information.

Locker

A virtual *Locker* is available to store digital files which can be accessed from any computer with Internet access. The *Locker* is located in the *Resources* drop down menu.

Calendar

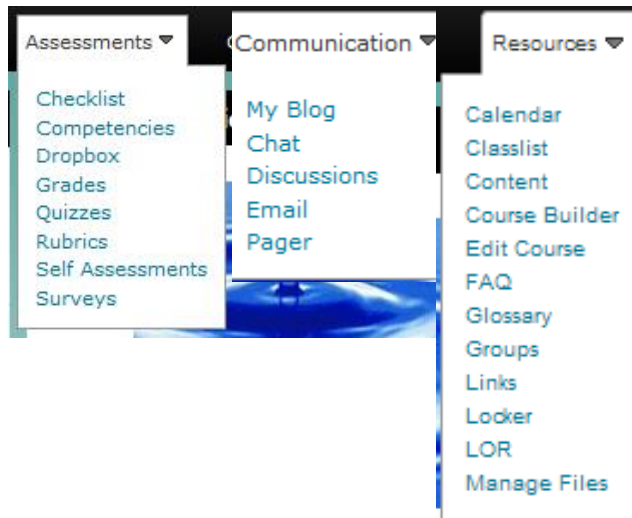
The *Calendar* can highlight important School-Based dates, (i.e. report card dates, P/T interviews, PD days, holidays, field trips, sporting events, and liturgies) as well as due dates for tests and assignments.

Content

The *Content* section contains course outlines, Program of Study documents and any other course material teachers deem useful for students to have access to online.

Course Information

Upon entering a *Course Homepage*, three distinct dropdown menus appear; *Assessment*, *Communication*, *Resources* and will allow access to specific tools which teachers may be using in their course.



Grades

The D2L *Grades* tool will be used consistently across all schools during the school year. Teachers will use the D2L online environment to securely calculate, manage and share assessment with students and parents. This will allow students and parents to review grades continually from home at any time throughout the year.

Teachers use a cumulative grading model to generate Progress Reports for students, which will be calculated on a continual basis, always showing the most current reflection of student performance. Progress Reports will continue to be printed at regular intervals throughout the year with student grades while D2L Grades will provide ongoing communication regarding a student's progress.

Midterm Exam		6.5 / 10	
Midterm Exam	65 / 100	6.5 / 10	65 % Individual Comments:
Please have your parent/guardian sign this exam, make corrections and return to me by Wednesday Jan 19th.			Joe, you need to review the concepts in Unit 1. You had some difficulties with section B.
Unit 1		8.75 / 10	
Assignment 1	90 / 100	3.46 / 3.85	90 % Individual Comments:
			Excellent work Joe! You really improved from your last assignment.
Portfolio Unit 1	86 / 100	5.29 / 6.15	86 %
This portfolio has an assortment of math journals, daily work and foldables			

D2L Additional Tools

Teachers may utilize a variety of tools that may include the following:

- *Checklist*
- *Competencies*
- *Dropbox*
- *Discussions*
- *Self Assessments*
- *Surveys*
- *Glossary*
- *FAQ*
- *My Blog*
- *Links*
- *Quizzes*
- *Email*
- *Chat*
- *Pager*
- *Rubrics*



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For further questions, please contact your school.